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NODIS CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SF
SUBJ: MEETING WITH FONMIN BOTHA

REF: (A) STATE 070649; (B) CAPE TOWN 0488

1. FONMIN BOTHA CALLED FROM JOHANNESBURG LATE LAST NIGHT TO APOLOGIZE FOR FAILING TO KEEP APPOINTMENT LATE LAST FRIDAY (REFTEL B). HE SAID HE DID SO DELIBERATELY BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO TALK TO PM ABOUT HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND THEREFORE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO GIVE ANY REACTION. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD SEEN VORSTER LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AND TOGETHER WITH DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE WILL SPEND NEXT SUNDAY (APRIL 9) WITH PM DISCUSSING FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AFTER THAT HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE SAG'S RESPONSE. HE EMPHASIZED THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE, HIS SINCERITY IN MAKING IT, AND THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. BOTHA STATED HE COULD NOT GET BACK TO CAPE TOWN UNTIL THURSDAY BECAUSE OF NEED TO DO SOME CAMPAIGNING IN HIS CONSTITUENCY. (THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 11.) HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME ON HIS RETURN.

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EM IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN UNSC ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN ITEM, DOES DEPT HAVE ANY NEW GUIDANCE FOR MY MEETING WITH BOTHA (REFTEL A)?.
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